

**TO:** COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY  
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**DATE:** WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2012  
**TIME:** 10 A.M.  
**PLACE:** KAPOLEI HALE  
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**FROM:** Leslie Uptain  
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**RE:** Bill 10 Relating to the use of bags provided to customers.

I support this bill, but feel you should also include paper bags.

I also **support a fee on all single use bags**, as a means of encouraging consumers to reduce the use of both paper and plastic single use bags.

Without a fee on paper, a plastic bag ban bills will result in a shift to paper bags. Paper bags can cost as much as 10 times more than plastic bags. The increased cost of providing paper bags is absorbed by the cost of other items, resulting in **higher prices for the consumer**. There is little upside for the environment.

If we want to encourage reusable bag use, let's ban both plastic and paper bags.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leslie Uptain

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